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Jack Layton remembered

Former NDP leader Jack Layton waves to supporters at the Indian and Métis Friendship Centre in Winnipeg on April 27, 2011, during last year's election campaign. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

One year after his death. Celebrations, remembrances taking place across Canada

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Winnipegger Svitlana Maluzynsky is going to commemorate Jack Layton a year after his death the best way she knows how: With a glass in her hand, a toast on her lips and a moustache on her face.

Maluzynsky is one of dozens of people headed to the Lo Pub on Wednesday evening for the Winnipeg Toast to Jack Layton: A Celebration event.

"Even as someone who was not so fortunate to have the opportunity to meet Jack Layton, I am reduced to tears when I reflect on the one-year anniversary of the passing of this incredible Canadian," said Maluzynsky.

"The passionate reaction to his passing was unlike anything I'd ever witnessed, and he won't soon be forgotten."

Former NDP MP Judy Wasylycia-Leis said she organized the Lo Pub event to give everyone the chance to come together and share their memories of the NDP leader.

"Clearly his legacy is so enduring and people really feel the need to meet again this year — in celebration, not in sadness," said Wasylycia-Leis, adding the filming of the Smilin' Jack movie in Winnipeg has added another level of poignancy.

Wasylycia-Leis said there will be chalk available for messages and the formal part of the event will begin at 7 p.m.

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Manitoba judge

Issue of witness examination may derail inquiry into naked photos

The future of an inquiry into a Manitoba judge and her naked photos may hang on one question — can the panel overseeing the case also grill witnesses under cross-examination?

The issue is threatening to derail the inquiry into Lori Douglas, whose husband uploaded sexually explicit photos of her to the Internet in 2003, when the couple were family law lawyers at a Winnipeg firm.

The inquiry by the Canadian Judicial Council is a unique proceeding — part public inquiry, part disciplinary hearing by a governing body. It is being conducted by a five-member committee that includes the chief justices of Alberta, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as two private lawyers.

Douglas's lawyer, Sheila Block, is upset that the panel has its own lawyer, George Macintosh, participating in the proceedings and aggressively cross-examining witnesses. She is asking the Federal Court of Canada to quash the inquiry, saying it has shown bias against her client. In court documents filed Monday, Block said Macintosh has engaged in "aggressive and argumentative questions, sexist and insulting references ... and attacks on (Douglas's) character and credibility."

The independent lawyer leading the inquiry, Guy Pratte, has also objected to Macintosh's questioning, saying the inquiry committee cannot act as both a referee of the proceedings and an active participant.

The committee, however, says it has no option but to question witnesses.

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Survivors. No serious injuries in Altona crash

Two men had to be taken to hospital, but no one was seriously injured when a small plane crashed at the Altona Airport Monday night.

Police and emergency services personnel responded at the airport, located in the RM of Rhineland, shortly after at 8:30 p.m., after a westbound Piper aircraft overshot the landing strip and crashed into a drainage ditch.

The 70-year-old male pilot and a 65-year-old male passenger, both from Altona, were taken to hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Alcohol is not considered a factor in the crash, and RCMP continue to investigate along with the Transportation Safety Board. METRO

This plane crashed on Monday. HANDOUT

Break time. Edmonton Street to close for lunch

Winnipeg's downtown lunch crowd is getting a street festival of its own for two days starting today.

The Edmonton Street Festival, which boasts live art, a merchant market and dynamic entertainment, takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Aug. 29. The stretch of Edmonton Street between Portage and Graham avenues will be closed to traffic during those two days.

"This is a wonderful festival for our downtown and one that celebrates some of our most iconic thoroughfares, Portage Avenue and Edmonton Street," said Stefano Grande, executive director of Downtown BIZ in a press release.

"It's another great event that attracts people downtown for a unique experience."

Slated to perform on Aug. 22 are Zenobia and He Said She Said, while on Aug. 29 it's Au Set Bellydance Emporium and Suzanne Mariani.

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Carnaval party to take over Bannatyne Ave.

Grand vision. Festival includes main stage for performers, three patios for guests

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Winnipeg's Exchange District will be moving to the beats of Brazilian, Caribbean and Latin music this weekend, as several local businesses close down Bannatyne Avenue for the inaugural Carnaval Street Party.

From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Bannatyne between Rorie Street and Waterfront Drive will be shut down to traffic and open for pedestrians to enjoy live music, performances and sample delicious food.

Corrientes Pizzeria, Boon Burger, Alive in the District, and Hermanos Restaurant and Wine Bar are hosting the Carnaval, which is carnival in Spanish and Portuguese.

"(Our) festival will showcase the vibrancy of these cultures along with the vibrancy often found on Bannatyne Avenue as a result of its existing businesses," organizer Alejandro Mora said.

Among the musical acts are Mariachi Ghost and Marco Castillo and band.

Local samba dancer and instructor Marcia Monteggia, also one of the main performers, said Winnipeggers can expect high-energy dances and music by local artists.

"I think the idea is fantastic, it will promote different cultures working together," said Monteggia, who runs the Made in Brazil School of Samba and teaches at the University of Winnipeg and Aboriginal School of Dance on Osborne.

"The grand vision is that we have an event which will grow every year, bigger and bigger."

Quoted

"The entertainment will explore the dances, music and cultures from the regions Carnaval was conceived."

Organizer Alejandro Mora

The first Carnaval Street Party is coming to the Exchange District this weekend and will be bringing with it high energy music and dances from South America and the Caribbean. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

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Family business

Liam Martin named premier's new right-hand person

Premier Greg Selinger has a new chief of staff — someone for whom politics runs in the family.

Liam Martin is the son of NDP MP Pat Martin and once worked as a constituency assistant and tour co-ordinator for former premier Gary Doer. He replaces Michael Balagus, who resigned this year.

Martin also worked on NDP election campaigns and in the party's war room. More recently, he served as communications representative for the Manitoba branch of the Canadian Union of Public Employees. He was also nominated this year to the board of directors of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

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Liam Martin. TWITTER PHOTO

Country living

Quit your horsing around: Cops

Morris RCMP were warning motorists on Tuesday to hold their horses while driving around St-Jean-Baptiste.

A runaway horse was running loose on Highway 75, and drivers were asked to use extra caution because of the traffic hazard.

The horse was described as black and brown in colour.

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Hughes deserves honour in retirement, Winnipeg man says

Hometown heroes. New community centre or Disraeli Freeway cited as landmarks that could be named for Olympians

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She's one of the city's biggest stars, and local citizen Regan Wolfrom is on a one-man crusade to convince the city to pay proper tribute.

Winnipeg-born Clara Hughes is the only Canadian to have won medals in both the Summer and the Winter Olympic Games, and is tied with fellow Winnipegger Cindy Klassen as the Canadian with the most Olympic medals — with six each.

Wolfrom says there should be more landmarks named after Hughes in the city where she grew up, aside from a small park off Main Street.

"The intent is to lift Clara Hughes' profile up in Winnipeg. We can't go back and say, 'Well, we did something for her in 1997, and that's good enough,'" he said.

Wolfrom has put forward two ideas: Naming the proposed Kelvin Community Club satellite site at Bronx Park Community Centre after Hughes, and renaming the Disraeli Freeway to Olympian Way, in tribute to Hughes and Klassen.

"This is where (Hughes) used to skate as a kid," Wolfrom said about the Kelvin satellite site.

He said people he has talked to in the community have had positive reactions to his ideas, but some don't want to change the name of the freeway.

"The Disraeli wasn't named to honour Benjamin Disraeli," he said. "Things change, people get used to it."

In recent years, other petitions have circulated to rename the freeway after Burton Cummings, Randy Bachman and Stephen Juba.

A spokesperson with the City of Winnipeg said there are no plans to rename either the bridge or the Kelvin satellite site.

Winnipeg-born Clara Hughes crosses the finish line in the 2012 London Olympics, where she placed fifth. A local man believes the city should name more landmarks after both Hughes and fellow Winnipeg Olympian Cindy Klassen. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Officials find polar-bear dens — lots of them — on Manitoba border

A pregnant polar bear roams near the site where conservationists found a larger number of dens than expected. CONTRIBUTED/MANITOBA CONSERVATION

Manitoba Conservation officials have stumbled across a pleasant surprise — a large number of polar-bear dens along the Hudson Bay coast near the Ontario boundary.

The dens lie in an area southeast of Wapusk National Park and east of the Nelson River. The region is along the southern end of the polar bear's range and is not as well-known as Wapusk, Churchill and other areas to the north.

"We've always known that there are dens in there ... but not to this extent," said Daryll Hedman, regional wildlife manager for northeast Manitoba.

"We have a fairly large number of denning females in there, equal to or even maybe surpassing Wapusk National Park, so it's fairly exciting news."

Female polar bears dig the dens in the ground to give birth. The discovery could be a sign the polar-bear population in the area is thriving, at least for now. The province is beginning a three-year study to learn more.

"'For now' might be a fair statement, but that ice-free period is getting longer each year," Hedman said.

Not everyone agrees the polar bears are in trouble. The Nunavut government released a survey this year that said Canada's polar-bear population hasn't significantly declined in the past seven years as predicted.

The aerial survey estimated the western Hudson Bay bear population at about 1,000.

That's roughly the same number of bears found in a more detailed study in 2004. That study, which physically tagged the bears, predicted the number would decline to about 650 by 2011.

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Changing habitat

- The polar bears in the region are threatened by a shrinking feeding season. The amount of time that ice covers that stretch of Hudson Bay every year, allowing the bears to hunt seals, has been reduced by three weeks. That makes it harder for female bears to gain enough weight to give birth.
- Climate change is also affecting the permafrost the bears use for their dens. Dens do not collapse under permanently frozen ground, but scientists are worried warming temperatures will cause the permafrost to recede northward.

Lighthouse gets a facelift

Workers strip paint from Nova Scotia's iconic lighthouse at Peggy's Cove on Tuesday. The repainting project will take about two weeks. The lighthouse is said to be one of the most photographed structures in Atlantic Canada. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Revealed: Sad victim of a grisly homicide

Body parts found in waterways. 'Nice and quiet' Guang Hua Liu was a single mother of three and owned holistic spa in Toronto

A police officer holds a photo of victim Guang Hua Liu. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Body parts found scattered in Toronto-area waterways belonged to a single mother of three, police say.

Guang Hua Liu, 41, was last seen by friends late in the afternoon on Aug. 10 as they dropped her off at her recently defunct spa in east Toronto, Peel Regional Police said at a news conference.

Friends reported her missing the next day, and on Aug. 15 her right foot was found in the Credit River in Mississauga, about 45 kilometres west of where she lived in east-end Toronto.

Liu's head and hands were later discovered in the river in the Hewick Meadows Park area.

Over the weekend, two calves, a thigh and an arm were found in West Highland Creek in east-end Toronto.

Forensic tests have determined all of those remains belonged to Liu, but police still do not know how she died.

She had three children — one is an adult and the other two live with their father, said Insp. George Koekkoek.

Police are treating the case as homicide, and while they are not yet speaking about suspects, they don't believe there are other victims.

"We're satisfied to this stage that there's no threat or danger to the public safety," Koekkoek said. "If we have information to the contrary, we'll be the first to advise."

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A spa named Forget Me Not

Liu was the owner of a "holistic therapy" spa called Forget Me Not, said a woman with a Toronto rental firm.

- **Monthly lease.** Liu signed a month-by-month agreement, the woman said, adding, "She was very nice and quiet."
- **Citizen.** Liu was a Canadian, police said.

Kroeger proposed

Avril's singing a love song

It's a new Canadian musical power couple: People magazine is reporting that pop star Avril Lavigne and Nickelback frontman Chad Kroeger are engaged.

Lavigne, 27, and Kroeger, 37, first got together in February to co-write a song for Lavigne's upcoming album.

Now after a six-month relationship, they are planning to get married, a Lavigne aide said.

On Aug. 8, Kroeger reportedly proposed, presenting Lavigne with a 14-carat diamond ring.

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$60,000 tab

Toronto mayor insists: No driver

Toronto's mayor, who raised eyebrows when he was spotted reading behind the wheel, says he won't be getting a personal driver.

The expense of a chauffeur would be a "waste of taxpayers' money," Rob Ford told reporters.

He said a private driver would add up to $60,000 to the municipal tab.

Ford has said he uses his morning commute to keep pace with his busy work schedule. He has also come under fire for using his cellphone while driving.

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Turkey

Girl dies of wounds in bomb attack

A 12-year-old girl became the ninth victim Tuesday of a bomb blast in Turkey's southeast, which has highlighted fears that Kurdish rebels seeking self-rule are becoming emboldened by moves toward autonomy by the Kurdish minority in war-torn Syria. Deputy Prime Minister Besir Atalay said the girl had died of her wounds and that three other children were among those killed when a bomb concealed in a vehicle exploded Monday night.

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France

Floor plans to presidential palace stolen

The French government says thieves who broke into a vehicle at a Paris train station made off with a USB drive and discs containing floor plans for the French presidential palace, the main security agency and the Paris police department.

The Interior Ministry said Tuesday that the stolen documents weren't classified and that their disappearance put no one in danger.

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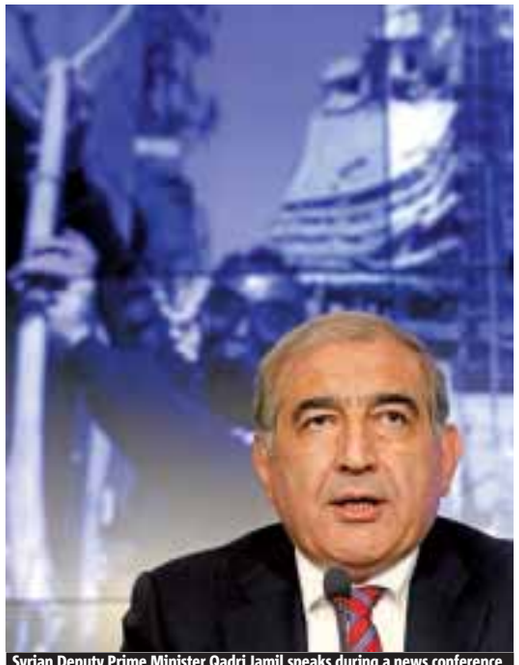
Syrian minister warns against U.S. intervention



Syrian Deputy Prime Minister Qadri Jamil speaks during a news conference in Moscow on Tuesday. SERGEY PONOMAREV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Civil war. Qadri Jamil called Obama's warning over use of chemical weapons 'propagandistic threats'

President Barack Obama's warning over chemical weapons in Syria indicates the West is looking for a pretext for military intervention, a senior Syrian government official said Tuesday following talks in Moscow.

Syrian Deputy Prime Minister Qadri Jamil warned against any such intervention.

"Those who are contemplating this evidently want to see the crisis expand beyond Syria's borders," he told journalists in comments translated into Russian. The Syrian civil war, which began with a popular uprising in March 2011, is already spilling into neighbouring Lebanon.

Obama said Monday the U.S. would reconsider its opposition to military involvement in Syria if President Bashar Assad's regime deployed or used chemical or biological weapons.

Jamil described Obama's statements as "propagandistic threats" connected with the U.S. presidential election. However, he also said they indicate that "the West is looking for a pretext to intervene militarily," adding, "we must say that such intervention is impossible."

Russia, which along with China has steadfastly backed Syria and blocked UN sanctions on Assad's regime, earlier warned Syria against using chemical and biological weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Negotiations

Jamil said the government would be willing to discuss Assad's resignation but only after the opposition agreed to join in negotiating a peaceful settlement.

- "Making his resignation a condition for dialogue effectively makes holding such a dialogue impossible," Jamil said. "During the negotiating process any issues can be discussed, and we are ready to discuss even this issue."

Delaware. Daycare workers allegedly formed toddler fightclub

A child care centre in Delaware has had its business licence suspended after police arrested three employees who allegedly encouraged toddlers to fight.

The arrests were made Monday after police discovered a cellphone video of three women working at the Hands of Our Future daycare in Dover, the state capital, allegedly encouraging two three-year-olds to duke it out.

"He's pinching me," yells one child in the video.

"No pinching, only punching," is a worker's response, according to the Dover Police.

Tiana Harris, 21, Estefania Myers, 21 and Lisa Parker, 47, have been charged with multiple counts of assault and endangering the welfare of a child.

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Air Canada

Flight diverted for unruly passenger

An Air Canada flight en route to Calgary from London, England, had to be diverted due to an unruly passenger.

Air Canada spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick says police boarded flight 851 in Edmonton on Monday afternoon and removed a male passenger.

Mounties say a drunk man allegedly assaulted a female crew member and another passenger, and did some minor damage to the Boeing 777. police say they subdued the man before the plane landed in Edmonton.

Thirty-five-year-old Justin Frank of Calgary is facing several charges.

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Storms, jellyfish stings end 63-year-old's 4th attempt to swim across Florida Straits

Diana Nyad ended her fourth attempt in nearly 35 years to swim across the Straits of Florida on Tuesday, her dream of setting a record thwarted by storms, jellyfish stings, shark threats, hypothermia and swollen lips.

In a blog posting, crew member Candace Hogan wrote that Nyad angrily shook her head after being pulled from the water and planned to return to finish the swim after the storms subsided.

"When can I get back in?" Hogan quoted the swimmer as saying. "I want full transparency that I was out. But I have plenty left in me and I want to go on."

Nyad, who turns 63 on Wednesday, was making her third attempt since last summer to become the first person to cross the Florida Straits without a shark cage. She also made a failed try with a cage in 1978.

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Endurance swimmer Diana Nyad rests after being pulled out of the water between Cuba and the Florida Keys early Tuesday.

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British lawmaker criticized over rape comments defending Julian Assange

An outspoken British lawmaker was lambasted by women's rights campaigners and colleagues on Tuesday after making contentious comments about rape.

George Galloway was chastised by the leader of his own political party over his claim that sex crime allegations against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange do not constitute rape. Galloway, a leftist political outsider who represents the anti-war Respect party, attempted to defend Assange in a video blog posted Sunday, saying that accusations against him showed "bad sexual etiquette, but whatever else it is, it is not rape."

Assange has fought for two years to avoid extradition to Sweden to be questioned over allegations of sexual molestation, unlawful coercion and rape made by two women.

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A placard of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is seen in London, Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian nickel firm snagged in corruption case

Mining. Government officials and workers from joint Cuban-Canadian venture convicted in contract-expansion probe

A Cuban court has convicted a dozen people of corruption, including high-ranking government officials, an executive at a state-run nickel company and workers from a project operating under a Cuban-Canadian joint concern, official media announced Tuesday.

In a case involving a contract for the expansion of the Pedro Soto Alba nickel and cobalt processing plant at the Moa mine, the sentences range from four to 12 years, the Communist Party newspaper Granma reported.

The announcement was the first official confirmation of a probe that since last year has been the source of rumour on the island, part of a crackdown on graft that has caught up several foreigners and sent a chill through the small foreign business community.

The Moa Joint Venture that controls the mining operation is operated in tandem by Cuba and Toronto-based mining company Sherritt International Corp.

Moa currently produces 37,000 tons of nickel and cobalt per year, according to Sherritt's website.

In April, a senior government official said the mineral accounted for 30 per cent of exports in 2011, which would put nickel revenues at $1.8 billion for the year based on recently released overall export figures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Mowing down the competition with robotics

Honda Motor Co.'s Asimo robot shows off the company's new Miimo lawn mower. Honda is releasing its first product for the home, a sensor-equipped lawn mower packed with its prized robotics technology. Miimo goes on sale next year — but only in Europe. The device, which looks a bit like iRobot's Roomba vacuum cleaner, continuously shaves about three millimetres off the grass, manoeuvring itself on sloped areas. HONDA MOTOR CO./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. and Ireland

RIM appoints new exec

Research In Motion has appointed a new managing director for the U.K. & Ireland. RIM said Rob Orr, who previously focused on global product management for the company, would step into the key role starting Sept. 1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stateside shopping

Cross-border retail up in June: Report

Higher duty-free exemptions for shoppers helped attract Canadians stateside in record numbers in June, analysts and retail groups said Tuesday as StatsCan reported 1.9 million overnight trips to the U.S. that month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sinking stock

Facebook down after earlier gains

Facebook's battered stock closed lower Tuesday, erasing some of the gains it saw a day earlier. On Monday, regulatory filings revealed that Peter Thiel, Facebook's first big investor, had shed most of his holdings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TWO TINY, BEAUTIFUL BOOKS

JUST SAYIN'
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Every once in a while, something wonderful this way comes.

In my case, that would be Cheryl Strayed, author of Wild, the New York Times bestseller that prompted Oprah to relaunch her book club.

Wild is a tour de force, a searing, soaring account of the author's 1,100-mile trek across the Pacific Crest Trail back in the '90s, when she was recovering from the death of her mother, a broken marriage and, oh, a heroin addiction.

If you have time left to add one to your summer reading list, I'd recommend Wild.

If Wild was the only reason to celebrate Cheryl Strayed's gifts as a writer, that would be enough. But there's more. She is also the heart, mind and soul behind Dear Sugar, the greatest advice column ever. Dear Sugar is a regular feature of therumpus.net, an online culture magazine. Strayed revealed that she was the writer behind Dear Sugar in February, and in July, Tiny Beautiful Things, a collection of her best advice, was published.

So far, it has spent its entire published existence on the New York Times bestseller list.

I'm recommending that you read Wild but I'm pleading with you to read Tiny Beautiful Things. It should be required reading for every struggling soul on the planet, and as far as I know, that's all of us.

Here's a sample. It's in response to an advice-seeker who is jealous of the success of fellow authors, especially those who score six-figure deals with their publishers. I can relate to that. Cheryl's diagnosis: "Could it be possible that the reason you feel like you swallowed a spoonful of battery acid every time someone gets what you want is because a long time ago — way back in your own very beginnings — you were sold a bill of goods about the relationship between money and success, fame and authenticity, legitimacy and adulation?"

Oh.

And here's her antidote: "But the people who don't give up … they've taken into their hearts the idea that there is enough for all of us, that success will manifest itself in different ways for different sorts of artists, that keeping the faith is more important than cashing the cheque, that being genuinely happy for someone else who got something you hope to get makes you genuinely happier too."

Wish I'd said that, especially the part about keeping the faith is more important than cashing the cheque.

But I'm not jealous, because Cheryl gives way more than she gets. And despite her (almost) overnight fame, she still turns up at readings for free and tutors aspiring writers, although, now that Reese Witherspoon has optioned Wild for some fabulous amount, it will be interesting to see if she can keep her feet on the ground.

Of course, she's pre-grounded. Trekking 1,100 miles through the Sierra Mountains lugging a 60-pound pack and wearing shoes that are too tight will do that to you.

Cheryl Strayed, author of Wild, the New York Times bestseller.
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Knitting is child's play

NETPLAYWORKS/MASAKI KOIZUMI/REX FEATURES

Playful performance

Kids' playground knitted by artist

This crochet playground at the Takino Suzuran Hillside National Park in Sapporo, Japan, is made from thousands of pieces of nylon, created by hand over several months with a ton of yarn.

This is the brainchild of Japanese-born Toshiko Horiuchi MacAdam and her Canadian husband, Charles MacAdam.

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Artist's view

"We love how popular the playgrounds are. Sports are good for some people, but not every child. They should use their bodies and have fun."

Japanese-born artist
Toshiko Horiuchi MacAdam

Origins of artwork

Kids climb, play and make art their own

After teaching textiles in the U.S. in the 1960s, Toshiko began exhibiting crochet art for museums. But when two children started playing on one of her pieces at a gallery in Japan, blissfully unaware of artwork etiquette, she watched nervously as they climbed into the structure, but was thrilled to find that her work suddenly came alive in ways she had never really anticipated. **METRO**

Guerrilla knit-wear

Today, crochet art goes like a bomb

Yarnbombing — covering objects in public spaces with knitted, crocheted material — has surged as a form of counter-culture art in recent years. Guerrilla artists worldwide boldly adorn famous urban structures and monuments with wool and now have their own International Yarnbombing Day, celebrated in June. **METRO**

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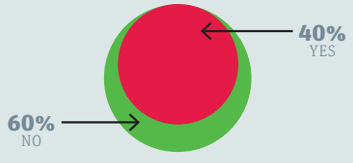
Does a new study saying egg yolks are almost as artery-clogging as smoking deter you from eating them?



Twitter

@JamesZintel:
Looks like I'm confirmed for Central Canada Comic Con in Winnipeg. Time to book a room in the same sketchy murder hotel as last year.

@adamhanneymusic:
Yesterday I found out I legitimately have a songwriting arch-nemesis in Winnipeg whose name is also Adam. S--t just got real, guys.

@204problems:
Ok we can stop making 10,000 more 'winnipeg problems' twitter accounts #WinnipegProblems

@jimmyfairplay:
I get way too much joy out of learning meetings have been canceled.

@CTaylor_96:
53% of females fake orgasms… 99.9% of men don't care #statistics

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Celebrity reading room

Oscar-winning thespian Emma Thompson has revived Beatrix Potter's mischievous bunny. The Further Tale of Peter Rabbit, published 110 years after Peter's first adventure, is out in September. Thompson is the latest in a lengthy line of stars who have hopped on the bright-eyed and bushy-tailed celeb children's lit bandwagon.

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Jay Leno: If Roast Beef Could Fly

The comedian churns a childhood memory into a breezy bedtime yarn that may leave tots salivating in their sleep over a giant hunk of juicy rotisserie meat. Leno's father is ready for his next project — a new patio, so they can throw an epic barbecue. The titular event occurs when Jay, mesmerized by the tasty revolving beef, jabs his plastic comb into it in a clumsy attempt to sneak a sample of the meat before mealtime. Jay's plan backfires when his comb gets stuck and melts. Papa Leno is forced to chuck the spoiled roast beef out the window to the delight of the dog. **Flavour:** "My Dad's side of the family is Italian. Every Sunday we have 400 pounds of meatballs, half a ton of spaghetti, a swimming pool's worth of sauce!"

Jimmy Buffet and Savannah Buffet: The Jolly Mon

The Cheeseburger in Paradise crooner teamed up with his daughter on this laid-back escapist odyssey. Based on the beach balladeer's ditty Jolly Mon Sing, the dreadlock-rocking protagonist is a singing fisherman from the fictional Caribbean island of Bananaland. He finds an enchanted guitar floating in the bay that comes with instructions to play music around the world. Along the way the hero encounters a nefarious band of pirates led by One-Eyed Rosy and a groovy dolphin who saves his life. The father-daughter tandem also authored Trouble Dolls, another folklore-filled romp. **Flavour:** "The Jolly Mon had never played a guitar before, but the moment his fingers touched the strings, he knew how to play."

Julianne Moore: Freckleface Strawberry

Teased for her dotted complexion, Freckleface Strawberry, a nickname the famous redhead herself was bullied with as a child, tries all sorts of ways to hide her freckles — from soap and makeup to more drastic measures. It's an inspiring modern take on The Ugly Duckling plotline, only instead of transforming into a swan, she learns to accept and love the skin she's in. Sequels Freckleface Strawberry and the Dodgeball Bully and Freckleface Strawberry: Best Friends Forever keep the life lessons flowing. The series was also adapted into a theatrical production, Freckleface the Musical. **Flavour:** "You have to meet the new girl. She wears a ski mask all the time."

Molly Shannon: Tilly the Trickster

The SNL alum's latest character is a squirrely little prankster, and everybody in her life, from family members and school chums to her teacher, are targets. Her sly antics continue unabated until the folks she plays tricks on the most often wise up and Tilly gets a taste of her own medicine. While filling cookies with toothpaste may not be as zany as Shannon's pratfalls as Mary Katherine Gallagher, four year olds seem to laugh just as hard. **Flavour:** "First, I grab a paper cup from the cupboard. Then I carefully poke a hole in the side of the cup with a pencil. If this ever-so-clever trick works, water will spill through the hole when Daddy tips the cup to take a drink."

Madonna: The English Roses

The first of Madge's kiddy tomes centres around a group of fashionable London schoolgirls who exclude a classmate from their sleepovers and other soirees — they are jealous of how pretty and perfect she seems. When a fairy Godmother gives the gals a glimpse into the ostracized girl's world they discover that her mother passed away and she does all the household chores. The Roses realize their folly and bring her into their circle of friends. Madonna's total transformation from material girl to moralizing momma is evident in her growing collection of lesson-laden storybooks. **Flavour:** "It all sounds so perfectly fun and nice. And in many ways, it was. But there was only one problem. They were all a little bit jealous of another girl in the neighbourhood."

Hollywood's unlikely go-to guy

Joseph Gordon-Levitt. This rising star has yet to settle into an easily defined persona

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In Hollywood careers are built on images. While actors complain about being pigeon-holed, for many being synonymous with a genre has been the cornerstone of their careers.

Then there's Joseph Gordon-Levitt. He's quickly becoming one of Hollywood's go-to guys even though he has yet to settle into an easily defined persona.

He's been acting since age four, but the first time most of us saw him he was playing an ancient alien trapped in an adolescent's body on the sitcom Third Rock from the Sun. He left the show after six years and for a time made the kind of films you would expect a young sitcom star to make: 10 Things I Hate About You and the animated Treasure Planet.

Then things got interesting.

After a short break from the screen to study at Columbia University he vowed to "only make good films." What followed is an eclectic IMDB listing that includes everything from low-budget movies like Manic, to indie comedy 500 Days of Summer, to his blockbuster work with Christopher Nolan in Inception and The Dark Knight Rises.

In Mysterious Skin he wore blue contact lenses to play a child-abuse victim turned hustler. Roger Ebert wrote, "This is not an easy movie." And the Guardian called it a "disorienting hallucination of a film." Both praised his performance.

The Lookout sees him playing a man with a head injury: "The hardest thing I've ever done in my life," he said. While in Killshot, he's a wannabe assassin opposite Mickey Rourke.

It's these off-the-wall choices, mixed with more mainstream fare, that prompted the Philadelphia Inquirer to describe Gordon-Levitt as a "surprisingly formidable, and formidably surprising, leading man."

Joseph Gordon-Levitt. SUBMITTED

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Taylor Swift to perform at VMAs, Fierce 5 U.S. Olympic gymnasts to present at awards show

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Nicki Minaj

American Idol targeting new judges

Time is running out for American Idol to fill up the judges' table for its 12th season, and producers are reportedly circling a couple of options for new talent. According to the Associated Press, "a deal is in the works" for singer Nicki Minaj to come on-board, joining Mariah Carey, who was added to the lineup last month. And a source tells People magazine that Enrique Iglesias is also in talks to join the reality singing competition. "Idol has expressed a lot of interest, but no final word on either side yet," the source says.

Rumours of Tony Scott illness not true: Family

It appears there's no truth to the reports that director Tony Scott had been diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer before he decided to jump to his death from a bridge over Los Angeles Harbor Sunday. "According to family spokespersons, the information concerning brain cancer or an inoperable brain tumor in Mr. Scott is incorrect," a spokesman for the L.A. coroner's office tells People magazine. The initial report of a cancer diagnosis came from ABC News, citing an anonymous source.

Tony Scott

The Word

Ryan Lochte to hand out roses?

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With four years until he's due in Rio, Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte is scoping out a side job in reality TV.

At the top of the list is The Bachelor, whose producers have been informed that they'll need to come up with at least $750,000 for such high-quality abs.

But even if they pay, Lochte may pass.

"Ryan is acutely aware that he has to attach himself to the right projects and endorsements that won't do damage to his all-American image," a source tells RadarOnline.

"As much as he'd like to do it, Ryan does have some reservations about The Bachelor because he wouldn't have any control on how he is portrayed on the show."

Ryan, at this point there's nothing more American than compromising your reputation, marriage and career in the name of fleeting fame. Consider this our blessing.

Liberty Ross and Rupert Sanders

Liberty Ross spreads wings in blog post

Rupert Sanders' wife, Liberty Ross, is trying to send a message with her latest blog post for Vogue UK, but it's not entirely clear what that message is. Ross — who hasn't updated the blog since news broke of Sanders' affair with actress Kristen Stewart — published an image of an eagle with its wings spread under the title "Liberty," prompting many to speculate she's leaving Sanders. New York magazine insists the image "is meant to be a statement of freedom and independence," and commenters on Ross' blog seem to be taking it that way as well.

Rosie 'saved by a TV commercial'

Rosie O'Donnell is recuperating after suffering a heart attack late last week. The TV personality revealed on her blog that she was "saved by a TV commercial" that prompted her to take aspirin when she noticed symptoms that suggested a heart attack.

Rosie O'Donnell

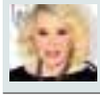
"She is now home and resting comfortably. She is very, very lucky," her rep tells People magazine.

Twitter

@RedHourBen
Tony Scott made so many movies that influenced so many others. A genre to himself. A real loss. He entertained so many people.

@DebbieReynolds1
The world is a sadder place for all of us who love to laugh. I love Phyllis Diller. Comedy will never be the same and neither will I.

@JohnStamos
hate it when my stand-in is younger and better looking than me.



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5 travel personalities

Planning a vacation is exciting, and made even more thrilling when you're going with someone special. Except it doesn't always work out perfectly. When it comes to packing and jumping on a plane, everyone has their own travel personality. Here's how to handle some of them.

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5 The over planner

You're in Paris and they're intent on touring the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower by noon on the first day. Keep up at this panicked rate and you're bound to see the entire City of Lights in record time, but won't remember any of it. Suggest one afternoon of people watching in a public square over a carafe of French wine. Their shoulders will drop in no time.

4 The obvious tourist

Money belt? Check. Canadian flag in plain sight so no one confuses you with an American? Check. Comfortable New Balance walking shoes and socks that reach mid-calf? Check. Canadian tourists stick out like sore thumbs and it's not just embarrassing, it can also put you at risk for pickpocketing or schemers. The simple rule is to dress on vacation like you normally would. But if your wardrobe includes any of the above items, you can't be helped.

2 The person who hates travelling

They haven't travelled in years but somehow you convinced them to come on your dream cruise. Big mistake. They hate sleeping in a strange bed, new scenery, food, water and boats. Instead of throwing them overboard, try to compromise on activities you'll both enjoy. Joining them in the casino for a few hours (gag!) may translate into you getting the most out of your trip with fewer complaints.

3 The embarrassing keener

Armed with their Lonely Planet guidebook, which they studied for months, this friend will regurgitate every iota of information they know at each attraction you visit. Even better, they're hell-bent on speaking the language, which typically includes them shout-sputtering random words at locals. Nip this annoying behaviour in the bud by suggesting they'll get much more out of the experience if they don't have their nose stuck in a book the entire time. If all else fails, accidentally "lose" it.

1 The under planner

They had no opinion on which country to see and now that you've landed, they're just along for the ride. Instead of getting frustrated at their lackadaisical attitude toward travel, embrace it! This is your opportunity to design the trip you've always wanted without any complaining. This type of personality can be convinced to do anything, so be as busy or relaxed as you like. The best part is that they're going to love the trip because they had no expectations.

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Tiger shrimp, pesto and grilled corn: An unlikely salad trio

Tiger Shrimp with Pesto and Grilled Corn Salad

This recipe serves four. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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Tiger shrimp are quite affordable today compared to what they cost a few years ago. If you can't find them, you can use smaller shrimp. Using a spinach pesto is a good example of how you can use different ingredients to make variations on classic basil pesto. If you don't have fresh corn, sauté 2 cups canned or frozen corn until lightly charred.

1. Salad: Lightly coat cobs of corn with cooking spray and grill on barbecue 5 minutes or until charred, turning to avoid burning. Alternatively, bake corn in an oven preheated to 450 F for 5 minutes, also turning to prevent burning. Let corn cool slightly and cut kernels off cob with sharp knife. Place in a bowl along with red pepper, red onion, garlic, jalapeño, cider vinegar, olive oil, honey (if using), fresh basil, salt and pepper. Toss to combine.

2. Lightly coat a nonstick skillet or grill pan with cooking spray and set over medium high heat. Add shrimp and sauté until just pink, about 3 minutes.

3. Place the corn salad on a serving plate, top with shrimp and garnish with pesto. **ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

- 1 lb large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/4 cup store-bought pesto

Salad

- 3 fresh cobs of corn
- 1/2 cup diced roasted red pepper (about 1 small roasted red pepper)
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1 tsp chopped garlic
- 1 1/2 tsp chopped jalapeño pepper
- 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp honey (optional)
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
- pinch of salt and pepper

Drink of the Week

Coconut-Lemonade Slushies

Slushies are one of the tastiest ways to cool down during the summer. Here, the classic taste of lemonade meets the refreshing flavour of coconut.

- 3 cups lightly crushed ice
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sweetened cream of coconut
- 1/4 cup agave syrup or honey
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Pinch salt

Combine all ingredients in a blender. Purée until smooth. You may need to stop the blender once or twice and stir the ingredients in order to keep them moving in the blender. Serve immediately.

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Campus to career

Sweater to suit.

Getting on your way to the workforce while still in school

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Finding a career that you love is not a strait path from point A to point B. It is a process of assessment, exploration and pursuit.

Assess
In your first and second year, in particular, you should be focussing on discovering your interests, skills, values and personality.

Book an appointment with a career counsellor Ask about doing some personality and career assessments that will start to give you some ideas of career direction

Take a look at your aptitudes Consider your natural talents and things you are good at. We sometimes assume something that comes easily to us comes easily for everyone, but this is usually not the case. Ask friends and family who know you to suggest some areas they see you succeeding at or having natural abilities in.

Book an appointment with an academic counsellor
For those of you in your first year you are going to need to start thinking about degree options and what you want to major in. Get some help with this process. An academic counsellor can advise you of your options and guide you to resources that will aid in making the decision.

Explore
At each stage of your degree you should be looking for opportunities to get involved and explore your interests and options, and build your resumé.

Combine all corners of your life to create the best plan of pursuit. ISTOCK

Get involved in campus clubs and organizations or volunteer in the community
This is a great way to meet new people and to build your hands-on experience. Taking on a leadership position with a club or volunteering with a not-for-profit agency can help you with your project or event management, leadership and interpersonal, communication and organizational skills, just to name a few. These experiences will help you to get an understanding of different types of work and what elements of it you enjoy.

Participate in career development workshops Every campus organizes dozens of workshops each year that can help you develop your resumé, cover letters, interview prep, networking strategies, etc. Check with your career centre for dates, times and locations.

Attend career fairs Regardless of whether you are at the point where you are looking for a job, attending a career fair will give you an idea of what companies are out there and who is hiring for what types of jobs.

Pursue
As you move closer to graduation it is time to start pursuing your goals.

Review, revise and tailor your resumé and cover letter The more time that you invest in preparing impressive documents and tailoring them to specific companies and jobs, the more likely you are to have success. Attend a drop-in session or set up a one-on-one appointment to review your resumé and cover letter.

Network, network, network.
This is often the hardest task and yet is the most likely by far to result in you finding employment. Like dating, you need to just get out there and do it. Meet as many people as you can, be considerate, polite, and respectful and you are sure to see the results. Check out your career centre for workshops and resources on successful networking.

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Understand your values

The last place you want to be is in a career that does not line up with your personal beliefs and priorities. Some questions you may want to consider:

- Do you value security and consistency, or variety and risk-taking in your work environment?
- Is social interaction and being part of a group, or independence and autonomy important to you?
- Do you value achievement and recognition, or being "behind the scenes"?
- Is your work environment, pace, and/or location important to you?

Student Voice

Take matters in to your own hands

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It first started with not getting into teacher's college a couple of years ago. Growing up, I loved working with children, and although my career goals changed quite often, I had always kept children at the forefront. So naturally, I decided to become a kindergarten teacher. However, that didn't work out as I had originally planned.

"No worries!" I thought. "I'll just apply for a job, work for a year to get some experience, then apply to a post-graduate program."

But that didn't work out very well either. Like many graduates, I left university with high hopes, thinking that my degree was an instant ticket to a job. What I wasn't aware of was the fact that employers required, not only a degree or diploma, but years of work experience as well. My professors and career centre — though wonderful — didn't prepare me for what existed beyond the lecture hall.

I decided to change my approach: if no one is going to hire me, then I'll just hire myself. And that's when everything changed.

I began to research entrepreneurship and the notion of creating my own opportunities. When you work for yourself, you know that every minute that you're putting into your work is for you. If you're doing something that brings you joy, then that just makes it all the more worthwhile.

Where I am now
Ironically, I just got offered a part-time position as an assistant kindergarten teacher (isn't life funny?). What's even more ironic is the fact that, if I hadn't pursued a career as a singer and aspiring author, I might not have gotten the job. Just to sum it up: I created my own career, and I'm making a living as a visual artist, singer and author under the pseudonym Joshua Vegas, while working part-time as an assistant teacher.

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It's hard to believe, but not every opportunity can be found on the net. Look around and ask around you. ISTOCK

Most campuses have lots of student jobs available, but it isn't always easy figuring out how to find them.

While some jobs for the coming school year will have already been filled (some departments do their hiring in winter/spring of the previous year so that they are ready to go with new staff in September) there are usually still lots of jobs open in the fall.

In terms of where to look, most schools do not have one place where all the jobs are advertised.

So, it can take some legwork to look around to find what's available on your campus. And just like finding jobs anywhere, networking is key.

Here are some tips for helping you get job hunting on campus.

Visit your campus career centre

The career centre should be stop number one if you are looking for work on campus. Staff at the career centre are usually very knowledgeable about on campus work, and getting their advice first can save you lots of time with their leads and direction.

Find out about work/study programs

Many schools have part-time jobs on campus that are specifically designated for students who are in financial need. These are often called work/study programs, but may have a different name at your campus. To learn more, and to find out whether you qualify ('financial need' can be defined differently at different schools), ask staff at your career centre and/or student financial services or loan office.

Speak with professors and your department

Often professors need help with their work. Sometimes they have enough money to hire students (other times they may use volunteers). Check with your departmental staff and faculty members if you are interested in getting research-related experience.

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What are your career planning tips for students returning to school this September?

@CGA_DoMore
Broaden your career hunt and research outside the box. You'd be surprised how your education can compliment your passions. #DOMORE

@katemackenzie
Know that 70% of employers do majority of recruiting in September! Don't miss out!

@desiraeo
don't stress when all of your accounting friends have contracts in October - small firms and other industries hire much later!

@asadh7866
if you're in a graduating position, don't forget recruiting season starts in Sept! Get those resumes and cover letters ready!

Visit on-campus vendors

The restaurants, pubs, shops, and other retail outlets on campus all need staff. You can visit them and see if they are hiring.

Keep your eyes and ears open

Watch notice boards, let all your friends know you are looking and ask them if they have any contacts or leads, make sure you read the emails you might get from your department or student clubs — you never know what might turn up a job lead. The more people you speak with, the greater your chances of finding something.

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CFL

Elliott named league's offensive player of the week

Joey Elliott has been recognized for his stellar 2012 debut with the CFL's offensive player of the week award.

The Winnipeg quarterback completed 33 of 43 passes for 406 yards and one touchdown in last week's 32-25 victory over Hamilton to help the Blue Bombers to their second win of the season.

Elliott, who was making his third career CFL start after missing most of last season with a knee injury, led the Bombers in place of Alex Brink and injured starting quarterback Buck Pierce.

Meanwhile, Winnipeg teammate Alex Hall took the defensive nod. The defensive end had one tackle, one sack and two forced fumbles against Hamilton.

The special teams award went to Hamilton wide receiver/kick returner Chris Williams, who returned five punts for 146 yards and a touchdown for Hamilton in a losing effort.

B.C. Lions safety Cauchy Muamba was named the top Canadian after registering one tackle and two interceptions in the 24-5 win over the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

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Joey Elliott
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NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr speaks to reporters at the Delta Grand Hotel on Tuesday in Kelowna, B.C. GARY NYLANDER/THE CANADIAN PRESS/KELOWNA DAILY COURIER

Still looking for a 'jumping-off point'

NHL. League, players' union to focus on core economic issues during this week's labour talks

Where do we go from here?

As the NHL and NHL Players' Association resume collective bargaining talks, that is the question they're both seeking to answer.

The sides stepped away from negotiations last week with competing bids on the table and no clear road ahead. They spoke again over the weekend and agreed to devote sessions Wednesday and Thursday entirely to core economic issues — the area where the parties seem to have the most ground to make up.

"We are hoping that our meetings this week can serve as a jumping-off point for further discussion and negotiation over the critical economic and system issues that we need to resolve in order to reach an agreement," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said Tuesday in an email.

Essentially, it's time to see how much each side is willing to move off its current position, if at all.

While a significant gap exists between the two proposals when it comes to the amount of money available to players, there is some common ground. The union's decision to keep a hard salary cap in place was an important step and its willingness to accept less than 57 per cent of revenues — for three years, anyway — seemed to indicate it was trying to work with the NHL.

"We thought it was a compromise," Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, told reporters last week.

Even though commissioner Gary Bettman offered a cold response to the union's offer it was a step in the right direction. Are the players willing to go even further? How far will the league move off its proposal, which called for new contract restrictions and player salaries based on 43 per cent of revenue?

The sides are operating in the shadow of a Sept. 15 deadline, when the current CBA is set to expire and the NHL has said players will be locked out.

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Critical week

Talks are tentatively scheduled for the next two weeks in New York so there is plenty of room for continued dialogue if the parties can start getting on the same page in the coming days.

- The tone of this week's talks should offer a good indication of whether that will happen in time for a deal to be reached before Sept. 15.

Baseball. Clemens return stint already drawing interest from Astros

Roger Clemens thinks any talk about a return to the majors is premature.

The Houston Astros decided to check him out anyway.

General manager Jeff Luhnow said Tuesday the Astros sent a scout to look at Clemens and left-hander Scott Kazmir, who also plays for the Sugar Land Skeeters of the independent Atlantic League. Clemens is to make his first start on Saturday at home against Bridgeport.

Luhnow said he wasn't sure whether Clemens was trying to make it back to the big leagues or just wanted to keep doing something he was very good at for a long time. Clemens earned about $160 million and won 354 games in a 24-year career with the Red Sox, Blue Jays, Yankees and Astros, but hasn't pitched since 2007.

Roger Clemens in Sugar Land, Texas, on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MLB

Players' union head expected to stay on job while dealing with brain tumour

Baseball players' union head Michael Weiner is undergoing treatment for a brain tumour.

He began treatment Monday, and the union said Tuesday that treatments are expected to last about one month. The union also anticipates he will continue to work from its New York office on a daily basis during the treatments.

Weiner, 50, succeeded Donald Fehr in 2009 to become just the fourth head of the union since 1966.

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Hockey. Ex-NHL bruiser Laraque named head of CHL players' union

Georges Laraque has been hired as executive director of the fledgling Canadian Hockey League Players' Association.

The former NHL tough guy announced on his Twitter account that he was "proud" to accept the role Tuesday.

Specific details about how the CHLPA — which would represent major junior players in Canada — will function have yet to be formally announced.

CHL president Dave Branch told The Canadian Press on Tuesday night that he had yet to be contacted by a union representative.

Laraque spent three years in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League before moving on to an NHL career that spanned 695 games and ended in 2010.

Georges Laraque
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4 SPORTS

Mobile sports

The first African team to play in the Little League World Series will not head home empty handed. Ugandan team Lugazi eked out a 3-2 win over Gresham, Ore., in a consolation game on Tuesday to improve its series record to 1-2. Scan the code for the story.

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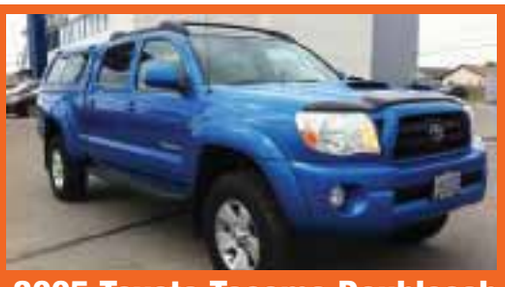

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A family-friendly fuel saver

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Review. Camrys are known for their spaciousness, but the Hybrid adds low-fuel consumption to the package

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Cutting fuel consumption is only one of this Camry's many tricks, as a week of city and highway travel reveals.

Not with a bang but a whimper is how T.S. Eliot's poem The Hollow Men concludes. That also pretty much describes how Toyota's latest Camry Hybrid starts up.

Pressing the hybrid's "ON" button initially produces nary a sound, but does cause the dashboard gauge pods and control panel to glow.

But wait a few seconds and the gasoline engine portion of the duo gently comes to life as a reminder that it too is an integral part of the powertrain.

Studying the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of the Camry Hybrid involved a 3,000-kilometre excursion across a variety of city and country thoroughfares. From the outset, the idea was to drive the Camry as if it were any gasoline-powered vehicle.

On the highway the general flow of traffic was matched, which usually meant driving 15-25 km/h above the posted limits, with occasional passing bursts above that range.

When all was said and done, the Camry hybrid performed admirably. Average real-world fuel economy remained consistently in the 6.7-7.1 l/100 km range in combined city/highway driving. That's nowhere near Transport Canada's unrealistic claim of 4.7, but it's still pretty decent given the hot weather and use of A/C, load factor and exuberant driving circumstances.

The Camry hybrid is a competent piece of eco-hardware and without question is a cut or two above the first-gen model.

Engine

The hybrid features a 156-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine that co-ordinates with a 141-horsepower electric motor for a combined 200 horsepower. That's up from the 2011 Camry's total of 187 horses, but a weight reduction of about 115 kilograms helped give the hybrid plenty of uphill and passing prowess.

2012 Toyota Camry Hybrid

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 with electric motor (200, combined).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 4.4/4.9.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $28,600.

Stretch-out room

The Camry hybrid's true strength, especially on long trips, is providing plenty of comfortable stretch-out room for front and rear-seat passengers alike. It's like getting mid-size accommodations, but with the fuel consumption of a compact car.

A minor drawback is the 13 per cent reduction in trunk volume when compared to gasoline-only Camry, which isn't overly generous to begin with. With an on-the-road starting price of $28,600 for the LE model, its only about $1,000 pricier than the smaller and more sluggish Prius.

That makes the Camry hybrid a family-friendly fuel saver without equal.

There's less trunk space in the hybrid than the standard Camry.

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You can never start not listening to your father too early. Amelia Goetz, around 1 1/2 years old, behind the wheel of her father's Jaguar and not looking at all where she's driving. CONTRIBUTED

Sixteen candles light up Amelia's birthday cake. They also produce an invisible cloud of angst, which settles nicely in her father's psyche.

Looming directly ahead: The Year Amelia Learns to Drive.

The father is an automotive journalist, and more than familiar with the statistics, which show teenage drivers are particularly good at crashing.

Young people like to travel in packs. Net result: A motor vehicle accident is the leading cause of death for people 15-24 years of age (Statistics Canada). That group had 2,247 total deaths in 2007 — 703 were due to motor vehicle accidents.

His line of business has also made him ruminate quite a bit on how one should go about driving a motor vehicle. Family members have even mentioned, on several occasions, that he might ruminate about such matters a bit too much. So he wonders if he might be too harsh a critic for a burgeoning driver, and for one he is already holding his breath for…

He also understands that maybe he knows the student too well. He cannot forget, for instance, all the absent-minded manoeuvres and poor decision-making she displayed when she was four.

The father also remembers how he was taught to drive by his own father — a generally successful endeavour, punctuated by a memorable blow-up that made suppers awkward for several weeks later, until respective tempers cooled down. The student at the time always thought that a professional instructor would not have gotten quite that angry at him for "almost" driving into a big fence post. (Though time has seen that student sympathize a bit more with his old man, and that man's feelings for his prized, brand-new 1973 Plymouth Fury II.)

All this made the current father wonder if he was the right man for the job.

It was always the family's plan to get Amelia into a professional driving course at some point. What harm would it do, for the father to first teach her some basics?

So when Amelia recently obtained her beginner's licence (known as G1 in Ontario), and requested a first lesson from her father, the father said "OK."

While Amelia meandered around the Loblaws' parking lot somewhat inconsistently, the father forced himself to be especially calm, encouraging, and instructive. He took solace in the fact that this particular student always came through in the end, always took responsibility, and could already do many clever things. He took pains not to instruct too much. He thought things went well.

Funny then, that Amelia remembers it differently. She remembers her father being too tense and nervous, too wordy, and too critical. It was an environment, she says, not at all conducive to learning a difficult task.

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Atkinson cycle facts

- Every new Toyota and Lexus hybrid uses the Atkinson cycle, to increase its fuel efficiency.
- Older Atkinson cycle engines used mechanical methods to adjust the stroke, but modern engines use electronics to adjust the valve timing.

The Toyota Prius C uses the Atkinson cycle. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

It's been said that "everything old is new again." That's definitely the case with the Atkinson cycle engine, which is used on several hybrid vehicles, including the Toyota Prius. This modern technology is based on a system devised by James Atkinson back in the 1880s.

"You're drawing more energy out of the gasoline," says John-Paul Farag, manager of advanced technology and powertrain at Toyota Canada. "There's no extra maintenance, and it doesn't feel any different, but it's a different way of timing the valves to squeeze more power out of the fuel."

Engines contain pistons, which move up and down to turn a large central crankshaft that eventually powers the wheels, much the same way that your legs go up and down to pedal a bicycle. The pistons are powered by gasoline, and the length of their movement is called the stroke. Each piston makes four strokes per cycle: drawing in gasoline vapour, compressing it, providing the power, and then pushing out the exhaust.

By adjusting the opening and closing of the valves that let in the gasoline, engineers can adjust the length of each stroke. In an Atkinson cycle, the piston strokes are manipulated to be as fuel-efficient as possible. This means the engine isn't as powerful, which is why the Atkinson cycle isn't used in regular vehicles.

"What we're trying to achieve is a much more efficient cycle, but the drawback is at the expense of power," Farag says. "It's ideal for hybrids, because they have electric motors to compensate."

When more power is needed, such as for acceleration — power that a regular Atkinson cycle engine wouldn't be able to provide on its own — the hybrid's electric motor runs in conjunction with the gasoline engine to give the driver what's needed. While hybrids traditionally get their best mileage in the city, the Atkinson cycle also allows them to achieve excellent fuel economy on the highway, since the electric motor and gasoline engine work together.

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you look at the big picture today while leaving the details to other people, you will come unstuck. One detail in particular, if neglected, could cause you all sorts of problems, especially at work.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may be generous by nature but there are times when you need to do less for others and more for yourself, and this is one of them. What is it you most desire? Go out and get it today.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The Sun's move into one of the more emotional areas of your chart will show you how you have been neglecting family and loved ones. It's not too late to do something about it but start now.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you are bored with the same old places and the same old faces, why not get up and get on the move? If you think about it, there is nothing to hold you back — though that won't stop some people from trying.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The Sun moves into the money area of your chart today, so you need to pay attention to your spending habits. If you have been living beyond your means then cutbacks have to be made. No, not later — right now!

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A new solar year begins today and already you can sense that it will be a special one. Never mind about all those promises you made and never lived up to — dare to dream and your dreams will come true.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may not have achieved as much as you wanted to by this stage of the year but don't feel bad about it because there is still time to make a difference. You have so much to look forward to, so smile.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Anyone who thinks you are too cautious will be surprised by the things you get up to over the next few days. You have the planets' permission to, if not break the rules exactly, to at least bend them a little.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You won't be content with minor victories today — you want to show the world that you are the best at what you do. Ambition is a wonderful thing, but do you have self-knowledge to go with it?

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The Sun's move into your fellow Earth sign of Virgo marks the start of a four-week phase when most things will go right for you. Does that mean you should take a few more chances? Yes it does.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
As an Aquarian you are used to the ups and downs of life but even you need a safe and stable place to rest once in a while. If you haven't got such a place you need to start making one now.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The Sun in Virgo over the next few weeks will bring partnership issues to a head and that's good. There can be no more running away from your emotions — you have got to share your feelings with the world.

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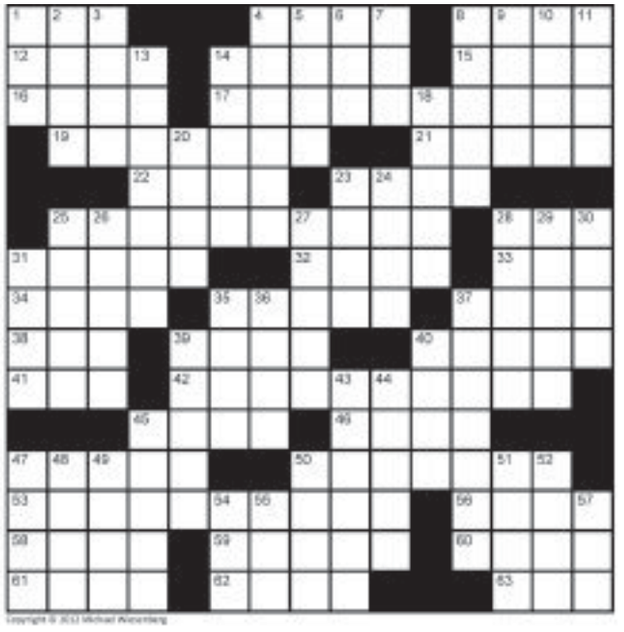
Crossword: Famous Canadians

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. ___ Paulo, Brazil
4. Altar end of a church
8. Operatic solo
12. A tbsp. contains three
14. Snooped
15. Throw away
16. Perhaps the most common word heard in early Beatles songs
17. Sudbury, Ontario-born *Jeopardy!* host (2 wds.)
19. Applauded
21. Lets up
22. Come ___ end: conclude (2 wds.)
23. Ball-shaped cheese
25. Art ___: Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan-born *House Party* and *People Are Funny* host
28. "Do ___ say!" (2 wds.)
31. Indian currency
32. 10 million of them equal a joule
33. Capt.'s subordinates
34. Hertz Rent-___-___
35. 640 make 1 square mile
37. Toronto-born classical pianist Gould
38. "Just a___": little bit
39. Cupid
40. Icy precipitation
41. Snake warning
42. Ottawa-born star of *The Blues Brothers* and *Ghostbusters* (2 wds.)
45. 2:1 or 3:1
46. Consumes
47. "See if ___!" (2 wds)
50. Lightweight umbrella
53. Montréal-based 2011 Juno Album of the Year winning group (2 wds)
56. A Great Lake
58. After-dinner candy
59. John ___: first American to orbit the earth and, later, Ohio senator
60. Alta. neighbor
61. Something in one's bonnet, maybe (2 wds.)
62. Rowboat equipment
63. Fall behind

Down
1. Pig pen
2. "Be with you in ___!" (2 wds)
3. Australia's gemstone
4. Garfield's feline girlfriend
5. "The ___ Piper of Hamelin"
6. Gender
7. Summer time in Ont.
8. The ___: series starring Mr. T (2 wds.)
9. Burglarizes
10. "Mmm-hmm" (2 wds.)
11. Requests
13. Montréal-born *Star Trek* star
14. Concerning the Vatican
18. Raises
20. Jab
23. To be: Fr.
24. Grads get them: abbr.
25. George who created *Star Wars*
26. Apple tablet computers
27. ___ firma: ground beneath one's feet
28. Common trashcan site
29. Horse
30. "It ___ your concern": "None of your business"
31. "Drat!"
35. *Diary of* ___ *Housewife* (2 wds.)
36. Jailbirds
37. ___ over: examines perfunctorily
39. Appended
40. Spanish equivalent of mlle.
43. Aches (for)
44. Actress Black or Allen
45. Speechify
47. "___ Rock": Simon and Garfunkel hit
48. Baby's bed
49. Teenager's problem
50. Fishing site
51. Spoken
52. Bart Simpson's sister
54. Megalomaniacal feature
55. Tampa's state: abbr.
57. Heart measure, for short

Yesterday's Crossword

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1								9

Yesterday's Sudoku

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Carnaval Street Party

August 24 & 25

In the long tradition of Carnaval celebrations celebrated by Brazilian, Latino and Caribbean Cultures the owners of **Corrientes Pizzeria**, **Boon Burger** and **Alive** in the district bring you Winnipeg's First Carnaval Street Party on Bannatyne between Waterfront & Rorie!

A street patio like no other will include **Live Music, Great Food and Dance**. Boon Burger and Corrientes Pizzeria will be throwing their **grand opening** and the **after party** at Alive every night.

Entertainment will be on the stage Friday and Saturday night from 7pm to 11pm.

The restaurants of Bannatyne Ave. want to invite all of Winnipeg for this celebration of food, music and dance in Winnipeg's beautiful East Exchange!

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ALIVE in the district

boon burger café

CORRIENTES ARGENTINE PIZZERIA

HERMANOS RESTAURANT | WINE BAR